

Remarks/Arguments

Claim Summary

By this Amendment, Claim 15 has been revised, and claims 9-10 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, Claims 4, 6-8 and 13-19 are now pending in the application.

Claim Objection

By this Amendment, claim 15 has been amended to depend from claim 13, thus overcoming the informality noted by the Examiner.

Allowable Claims

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the allowance of claims 4, 6-8, 13-14 and 16-19.

Further, noting that claim 15 now depends from allowed claim 13, it is believed that claim 15 should be allowed as well.

35 U.S.C. ¶102 – Kondo et al.

By this Amendment, claims 9 and 10 have been canceled, thus rendering moot the rejection under 35 U.S.C. ¶102.

Conclusion

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon the Claims 4, 6-8 and 13-19 now-pending in the application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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